

Virginia Coastal Access Now

“Helping provide public access to Virginia’s Coast”

March 13, 2007

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
C/O Ms. Sonya Davis
Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)
2600 Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Newport News, Virginia 23607

RE: Public Access Projects

Dear Ms. Davis,

I would like to thank you and the Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (the Board) for the opportunity to introduce, Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN), our non-profit organization that was officially incorporated by the Virginia State Corporation Commission on September 18, 2006. Virginia Coastal Access Now represents recreational anglers and environmental advocates working to protect and enhance the public’s access to Virginia’s beaches and waterways within the Commonwealth of Virginia’s coastal zone. We formed our non-profit as a result of the real loss of public access to Virginia’s coast.

VCAN, our members, and the angling community support the Board and their continued efforts to improve public access within Virginia’s coastal zone.

VCAN supports the Quinby Harbor Enhancements and the Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion. Our non-profit strongly supports the city of Newport News and the requested public access improvement project budget amendments for the additional funds to convert the protective wave screen to a new public saltwater fishing pier. These public access improvement projects benefit the public’s opportunity to participate in outdoor activities and the appreciation of Virginia’s coastal environment.

We look forward to working with you, the Board, and the VMRC to improve public access and the protection of Virginia’s coast through the creation and support of beneficial public access and environmental improvement projects.

Sincerely,

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